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Haruhito ONO et al.)	
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Filed: March 29, 2001)	
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For: ELECTRON OPTICAL SYSTEM,)	January 29, 2004
CHARGED-PARTICLE BEAM EXPOSURE	:	
APPARATUS USING THE SAME, AND)	
DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD	:	

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Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 23, 2001, the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 29, 2003, the Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 25, 2003, the Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 7, 2003, the Fourth Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 6, 2003, and the Fifth Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 16, 2003, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to copending U.S. patent application number 10/454,576, filed June 5, 2003. A copy of this application is also enclosed.

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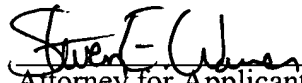
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